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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCESSING  
GROUP ART UNIT: 2644**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : **SPEECH COMMUNICATION APPARATUS**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2005 was due May 17, 2005. For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to August 17, 2005. A Notice of Appeal also is submitted herewith to ensure pendency of this application regardless of whether this Amendment is held to secure allowance for this application. Please accept these papers as timely filed.

In response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.